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SUBJECT:TAIWAN ATHLETIC GROUPS IN SAN FRANCISCO

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(B) TAIPEI 4490;

(C) 1972 TAIPEI 6098 (NODIS);

(D) TAIPEI 4217

1. WE HAVE CHECKED FURTHER WITH AAU, WHICH SAYS THAT ROC AMATEUR JUDO ASSOCIATION (REF A) IS BEING HANDLED BY LOCAL JUDO CLUB WHICH HAS RECEIVED AAU ENDORSEMENT FOR THE EVENT. WE CONTACTED LOCAL CLUB WHICH INFORMS US THAT GROG CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUP, PLANS TO MEET THEM AT THE AIRPORT AND HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THEM. CONGEN ALSO PLANS TO PLACE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN LOCAL CHINESE PRESS. WE HAVE CALLED ROC EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND INFORMED HIM THAT WE TAKE A VERY DIM VIEW OF THE CONGEN'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE GROUP, WHICH CONTRAVENES UNDERSTANDINGS DESIGN-
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ED TO PREVENT ROC/PRC CULTURAL EVENTS FROM OVERLAPPING IN

TH: U.S. WE ALSO CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION THE FACT THAT APPLICATION FOR VISAS WAS MADE ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE GROUP WAS DUE TO LEAVE, AND WHEN IT HAD ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SAN FRANCISCO, CONTRARY TO GROG UNDERTAKING TO GIVE

US AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE. ROC EMBASSY HAS PROMISED TO CALL ITS CONGEN IN SAN FRANCISCO AND INSTRUCT THEM TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLICITY OR OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO CALL ATTENTION TO JUDO GROUP. EMBASSY HAS ALSO PROMISED TO CONFIRM TO US THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE.

2. ROC VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM (REF B) WOULD, IF IT FOLLOWS THE SCHEDULE IT HAS PROPOSED, BE IN SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 17-18, ALSO DURING PERIOD OF PRC ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION. FACT THAT GROUP INVITED BY "CHINESE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO," WHICH IS UNDER KMT GUIDANCE, AND THAT THIS GROUP FOLLOWS RIGHT ON HEELS OF JUDO GROUP LEADS INESCAPABLY TO CONCLUSION THAT ROC CONGEN NOT ONLY AWARE BUT ALSO INVOLVED IN ARRANGING TOUR. NEITHER JUDO NOR VOLLEYBALL GROUP IS COMMERCIALY SPONSORED GROUP OF WHICH GROG MIGHT BE UNAWARE. MOREOVER, GROG ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO SUCH GROUPS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO BRING THEM AND THEIR ITINERARIES TO ITS ATTENTION, IF KMT MEMBERS PRESENT IN ALL SUCH CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS IN TAIWAN HAD SOMEHOW FAILED TO COORDINATE, WHICH WE FIND DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THESE GROUPS REPRESENT THE BEGINNING OF A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE GROG TO DEPART FROM ASSURANCES IT GAVE US IN 1972 (REF C) THAT IT WOULD WORK WITH US TO ENSURE AGAINST SIMULTANEOUS APPEARANCE OF ROC AND PRC GROUPS IN SAME CITY IN US AT SAME TIME.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH GROG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO REMIND IT OF ITS COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH USG TO AVOID SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF ANY ROC GROUP IN SAME CITY AT SAME TIME AS PRC GROUP, AND TO PROVIDE US WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED TRAVEL OF GROUPS TO U.S. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT NOT ONLY THAT EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE GIVEN IN CASE OF JUDO GROUP BUT ROC CONGEN IN SAN FRANCISCO APPARENTLY HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SCHEDULING ARRANGEMENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PUBLICITY. INFORM GROG THAT IN VIEW OF SHORT LEAD TIME, WE ARE WILLING, AS A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION, NOT TO INSIST ON CANCELLATION OF SAN FRANCISCO STOP. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO DIRECT CONGEN TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLICITY OR OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO CALL ATTENTION TO JUDO GROUP DURING PERIOD OF PRC ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION. WE EXPECT GROG TO COOPERATE IN THIS AND SO TO INSTRUCT ITS SF CONGEN IN VIEW OF EARLIER ASSUR-

ANCES. BY SAME TOKEN, APPEARANCE OF VOLLEYBALL GROUP IN SAN FRANCISCO IN AUGUST WOULD CONFLICT WITH EXHIBITION. GROUP IS SPONSORED BY CHINESE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF SF, WITH WHICH CONGEN CERTAINLY IN CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. WE BELIEVE THAT APPEARANCE OF THIS GROUP IN SAN FRANCISCO DURING PERIOD OF PRC EXHIBITION NOT IN EITHER ROC OR US

INTEREST, AND NOT IN ACCORD WITH EARLIER UNDERSTANDINGS. WE EXPECT GROC TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO MODIFY ITINERARY TO OMIT SAN FRANCISCO FROM TOUR. WE ALSO EXPECT GROC TO ADOPT MEASURES NECESSARY TO AVOID RECURRENCE OF THIS KIND OF INCIDENT, AND TO ENSURE THAT ITS OFFICERS IN THE U.S. COOPERATE IN THIS.

4. IF GROC PLEADS IGNORANCE OF TRAVEL OF THESE GROUPS ON GROUNDS THEY ARE "PRIVATE," YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT IT EXAMINE ITS OWN PROCEDURES FOR BEING KEPT INFORMED ABOUT SUCH VISITS AND TO WITHHOLD ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO SUCH GROUPS UNTIL GROC HAS CONSULTED WITH USG TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO SCHEDULING CONFLICT WITH ANY PRC GROUP.

5. AS EXAMPLE OF KIND OF COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WE APPRECIATE AND EXPECT TO RECEIVE IN FUTURE, YOU MAY CITE PROPOSED TRAVEL OF ROC ACROBATIC TROUPE (REF D), FOR WHICH ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION PROVIDED. YOU MAY INFORM GROC THAT APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS BY MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WILL BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY BY THE EMBASSY WHEN RECEIVED. KISSINGER

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